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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Requirements Staff, DPD/DD/P

SUBJECT: Nomenclature for Equipment, both Intercept and Analysis, Developed under the ELINT Program

1. There have long been needs for a standardized system of nomenclature to be assigned to specific items of equipment successfully developed and produced under the project, and for this nomenclature system to be completely divorced from any association with the project.

2. With the widespread use of some of these equipments in other agencies and services, a danger exists of violating the security of the project itself by having the technical details of the equipment controlled exclusively through the project security system. Furthermore, this "security cloud" hanging over technical details may actually impede the processing of the ELINT tapes because the uncleared analyst does not have the necessary technical information on the latest changes in the configuration of the collection system, the results of which he is trying to analyze. The analyst need not, in most instances, have a "need to know" of the project per se.

3. It is recommended that DPD, together with O/C and ESO, establish a system of agency nomenclature for later presentation to ARC (other than System I, III, IV, VI, VII, etc., and racks A, B, C, M, N....) with an aim of publishing technical descriptions of each element. The normal security classification will be appropriately determined in terms of the "state of the art". By this method confusion would be avoided within project security channels as well as with our sister services. In one instance the Navy has adopted one set of nomenclature for one of our systems they are using, the Air Force yet another for the same system. In the future, it will become increasingly important to avoid confusion in the ordering of spare parts, preventive maintenance, etc.


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